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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chairman

Organizational matters

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling its mandate to prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 47/195 of 22 December 1992, 48/189 of 21 December 1993 and 49/120 of 19 December 1994,

Recalling also the recommendations contained in paragraphs 135-137 of the report of the Committee on the work of its tenth session, 1/

Taking note of the documentation prepared by the Executive Secretary on arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties, 2/

Taking account of its relevant conclusions at the present session,

Recommends to the Conference of the Parties:

1/ A/AC.237/76.

2/ A/AC.237/78 and Add.1 and 2.

(a) Allocation of tasks

(i) That it establish a sessional Committee of the Whole, chaired by a Vice-President of the Conference and open to the participation of all delegations, which would have the task of recommending decisions on outstanding issues for adoption by the Conference and whose Chairman would have the authority to delegate work, as appropriate, to drafting groups;

(ii) That no more than two meetings be held simultaneously;

(b) Statements

(i) That there be only one series of general statements by delegations, that statements during the ministerial segment be limited to those by Ministers of the States participating in the Conference of the Parties and other heads of delegations of Parties and that statements by other delegations and by representatives of United Nations system bodies and observer organizations be made during the senior officials' segment;

(ii) That the average length of time for each statement during the ministerial segment be limited and that provision be made for evening meetings during that segment;

(iii) That, in accordance with past practice, individual statements not be summarized in the report of the session and that delegations may, if they so wish, provide copies of such statements for distribution at the meeting;

(c) Admission of organizations as observers

(i) That it decide to admit as observers to its first session, in accordance with article 7, paragraph 6 of the Convention, those organizations listed in addendum 2 of document A/AC.237/78;

(ii) That it consider admitting organizations on an additional list to be prepared by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman and Bureau of the Committee, of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that express their wish to be admitted as observers to the first session of the Conference of the Parties.